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COWPEAS and SOYBEANS. A collection of 18 numbers from

Soochow, Kiangsu, China. Presented by Rev. R. A. Haden by whom descriptions are given. Received March 19.

25132. DOLICHOS LABLAB. Purple flat bean; bloom, stalk and leaves all are purple. Eaten in green state, pod and all. Enormously productive in vine and leaf; should be given plenty of room and vine supported."

25133-137, GLYCINE HISPIDA. Five kinds of soybeans.

25138. GLYCINE USSURIENSIS. Horse feed peas, a literal translation of the Chinese. Long vines, climbing on everything in reach, fruited from bottom to top. I think this should receive especial attention for the following reasons: It will be a good nitrogen producer. It is extensively used in Chinese medicine. It will make a better drink than anything except good coffee. Parch the whole pea until brown, grind and treat as boiled coffee. This I have tried and am very fond of it as a drink."

25139-141. PHASEOLUS ANGULARIS. "The uses of these are the same as cowpeas but the foliage is more abundant."

25142-143. PHASEOLUS CALCARATUS. From the shape of the seed these are called Crab eye. They are also called the lazy man's pea, for the reason that they replant themselves. Growth rank; vine bunchy, not very long. Should be extra fine for renewing land and for fodder."

25144-147. VIGNA UNGUICULATA. Four kinds of cowpeas.

25148-149. VIGNA SESQUIPEDALIS.

For preliminary test by Office of Agrostology; if satisfactory seeds will be available later.

CUCUMIS MELO. 25166. From Peleka, Island of Corfu. Presented by Mr. Carlo Sprenger, Vomero, Naples, Italy.

Received March 30. "A splendid winter melon. Flesh white or greenish white; shell golden yellow. Very fine and a variety I have never seen before." (Sprenger.)

FICUS SYCAMORUS. 25094. Cuttings from Cairo, Egypt.

Presented by Mr. Geo. P. Foaden. Received March 22.

"This is the sacred fig of the Egyptians. The fruit is produced in very large numbers on the main branches and trunk of the tree, being borne in clusters. The tree is used in Egypt extensively as an avenue tree and forms one of the characteristic landscape trees of Egypt."